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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED 7/12/07**

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## **Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response**

**[0001]** In an in-person discussion on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2007, the Examiner indicated the discussed amendments would likely remove the current informalities, objections and rejections. He also recognized that the discussed amendments could render the application distinct from the currently cited art. The applicant therefore submits in this response, an amendment to the specification, a number of amendments to the claims, and an argument against the applicability of the reference for a 102 rejection. A terminal disclaimer is separately submitted in light of the provisional non-statutory obviousness rejection.

**[0002]** This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.